

<b>Activity:</b>	<b>Heritage Partnership Programs</b>
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**Activity Summary**

Program Components	2003 Enacted	2004 Estimate	2005			Change From 2004 (+/-)
			Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Commissions and Grants	14,162	14,153	0	-11,775	2,378	-11,775
Administrative Support	118	122	0	0	122	0
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>14,280</b>	<b>14,275</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-11,775</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>-11,775</b>

**Authorization**

Public Law 104-333	America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership
Public Law 104-333	Augusta Canal National Heritage Area
Public Law 108-108	Blue Ridge National Heritage Area
Public Law 104-323	Cache La Poudre River Corridor
16 USC 410ccc21 to 26	Cane River National Heritage Area
Public Law 100-692	Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal Commission
Public Law 106-554	Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor
Public Law 104-333	Essex National Heritage Area
Public Law 104-333	Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area
Public Law 98-398	Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor
Public Law 99-647	John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor
Public Law 106-278	Lackawanna Heritage Valley National Heritage Area
Public Law 105-355	MotorCities-Automobile National Heritage Area Partnership
Public Law 104-333	National Coal Heritage Area
Public Law 104-333	Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor
Public Law 103-449	Quinebaug-Shetucket National Heritage Commission
Public Law 104-333	Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area
Public Law 106-278	Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area
Public Law 104-333	Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District Commission
Public Law 104-333	South Carolina National Heritage Corridor
Public Law 100-698	Southwestern Pennsylvania National Heritage Area
Public Law 104-333	Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area
Public Law 106-291	Wheeling National Heritage Area
Public Law 106-319	Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area

**Activity Overview**

**Heritage Partnership Programs** (National Heritage Areas) have been created by Congress to promote the conservation of natural, historic, scenic, and cultural resources. The areas are managed by private nonprofit groups or by States and not by the National Park Service. Control of the areas rests with local governments. Participating areas realize significant benefits from this partnership strategy. These include resource conservation, community attention to quality of life issues, and help to develop sustainable economies. This activity includes two program components:

**Commissions and Grants.** This component shows funding support provided to the management entity of each National Heritage Area. Heritage areas provide a powerful tool for the preservation of community heritage, combining historic preservation, cultural and ecotourism, local and regional preservation planning and heritage education and tourism. This funding also includes reimbursement for technical assistance and training provided by the NPS as partners to encourage resource conservation and interpretation. There are currently 24 National Heritage Areas.

**Administrative Support** provides servicewide coordination and support of the Heritage areas programs.

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**DOI Outcome Goals Applicable to this Activity**

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**Resource Protection****1.1 Improve Health of Watersheds, Landscapes, and Marine Resources**

This activity supports this goal by providing support, resource management and technical assistance for the restoration and maintenance of watersheds and landscapes. For example, many of the National Heritage Areas' management plans include strategies to restore river flows and water quality before they create nature and canoe trails.

**1.2 Sustain Biological Communities**

This activity supports this goal by providing support and technical assistance for the creation of habitat conditions for biological communities to flourish, including providing environmental assessments used for decision making.

**1.3 Protect Cultural and Natural Heritage Resources**

This activity supports this goal by using partnerships and volunteers to increase knowledge base of cultural and natural heritage resources and to protect cultural and natural heritage resources.

**Recreation****3.1 Provide for Quality Recreation Experience, Including Access and Enjoyment of Natural and Cultural Resources**

This activity supports this goal by using partnerships and volunteers to enhance the quality of recreation opportunities and provide effective interpretation and education programs. For example, many of the National Heritage Areas provide curriculums to educators about the themes that make the area unique or illustrate important parts of American history, including site visits.

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**Activity:** Heritage Partnership Programs  
**Program Component:** Commissions and Grants

**Summary Table of Funding by Heritage Area**


National Heritage Areas	State	FY 2003 Enacted	FY 2004 Estimate	FY 2005 Request
1. America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership (Silos & Smokestacks)	Iowa	745	741	
2. Augusta Canal National Heritage Area	Georgia	596	396	
3. Blue Ridge National Heritage Area	North Carolina	249	494	
4. Cache La Poudre River Corridor	Colorado	50	45	
5. Cane River National Heritage Area	Louisiana	989	790	
6. Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor	Pennsylvania	844	790	
7. Erie Canalway National Corridor	New York	397	592	
8. Essex National Heritage Area	Massachusetts	993	987	
9. Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area	New York	596	543	
10. Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor	Illinois	745	592	
11. John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor	Rhode Island	795	785	
12. Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area	Pennsylvania	646	543	
13. MotorCities-Automobile National Heritage Area	Michigan	497	592	
14. National Coal Heritage Area	West Virginia	209	122	
15. Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor	Ohio	993	987	
16. Quinnebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor	Connecticut	844	790	
17. Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area	Pennsylvania	993	988	
18. Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area	Pennsylvania	497	491	
19. Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District	Virginia	497	494	
20. South Carolina National Heritage Corridor	South Carolina	993	988	
21. Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Area (*See description)	Pennsylvania	0*	0*	0*
22. Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area	Tennessee	209	207	
23. Wheeling National Heritage Area	West Virginia	576	988	
24. Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area	Arizona	209	208	
<b>Total</b>		<b>14,162</b>	<b>14,153</b>	<b>2,378**</b>

\*\*Funding would be distributed equitably among the heritage areas supported under this subactivity.

**FY 2005 Base Program Overview**

Congress has designated 24 National Heritage Areas to conserve and commemorate distinctive regional landscapes. The Administration feels that National Heritage Areas do not have an overall program authorization or a ceiling on total program costs. These areas include canal corridors in Georgia, Illinois, and Pennsylvania; river corridors that provided access and power to early settlers; and landscapes that tell the story of big steel, coal, and our agricultural might. The areas are managed by private nonprofit groups, or by States—not by the National Park Service. Control of the areas continues to rest with local governments. Participating areas realize significant benefits from this partnership strategy, including resource conservation and community attention to quality of life issues supported by developing sustainable self-supporting economies. Upon designation as a National Heritage Area, the managing entity develops a management plan that provides a blueprint for the area, including identification of resources, interpretive themes, restoration projects, recreational opportunities and funding strategies.

Once the Secretary of the Interior has approved the management plan, the plan is implemented as funding and resources are available. The National Heritage Areas are:

1. **America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership** (Silos & Smokestacks) was authorized in 1996. Silos and Smokestacks is a thirty-seven county area in Iowa, which facilitates opportunities for residents and visitors to learn about America's agricultural legacy.
2. **Augusta Canal National Heritage Area** was created to establish and implement an overall plan for the preservation, development and management of the Augusta Canal as a public resource. Constructed in 1845, this nine-mile corridor follows the full length of the best-preserved industrial canal of its kind remaining in the South and one of the best in the United States. The canal is still being used for three of the original purposes for which it was built; water power, transportation and water supply. The canal transformed Augusta from an agrarian to an important regional industrial area on the eve of the Civil War and was instrumental in the post-Civil War relocation of much of the nation's textile industry to the South.  
  
*Augusta Canal: bikers using the multi-use trail*
3. **Blue Ridge National Heritage Area** was authorized in 2003 to celebrate the craft and music of western North Carolina and to recognize the contributions of the Cherokee Nation. In FY 2004, a commission will establish and begin work on a management plan.
4. **Cache La Poudre River Corridor** was established to commemorate the story of water law and water development in the West. The primary emphasis of current programs is on interpretation and education. The legislation also calls for private landowners to adopt voluntary measures for the preservation and restoration of significant resources along the Corridor.
5. **Cane River National Heritage Area** was established to assist in the preservation and enhancement of the cultural landscape and traditions of the Cane River region; to complement Cane River Creole National Historical Park; and to improve the overall quality of life of the current residents by increasing economic benefits through promotion of the heritage area to local, regional, and national audiences. The 116,000 acre heritage area in northwestern Louisiana is a largely rural, agricultural landscape known for its historic plantations, its distinctive Creole architecture, and its multi-cultural legacy. Historically this region lay at the intersection of French and Spanish realms in the New World. It is home to a unique blend of cultures, including French, Spanish, African, American Indian, and Creole. Many people of these cultures are descended from early Cane River families who have interacted with each other for nearly 300 years.
6. **Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor** is a 165 mile corridor in eastern Pennsylvania. Canals and railroads transported lumber, anthracite coal, slate, iron and steel from mountain to market, fueling America's industrial revolution.
7. **Erie Canalway National Corridor** covers 524 miles in Upstate New York, including four navigable waterways: Erie, Champlain, Oswego and Cayuga-Seneca; sections of the first Erie Canal; and over 200 municipalities adjacent to the canals. The New York State Canal System is the most commercially enduring and historically significant canalway in the United States. This waterway played a key role in turning New York City into a preeminent center for commerce, industry, and finance. Besides being a catalyst for growth in the Mohawk and Hudson valleys, these canals helped open up western America for settlement and for many years transported much of the Midwest's agricultural and industrial products to domestic and international markets.
8. **Essex National Heritage Area** preserves and interprets three themes of national significance to American History: Early Settlement and the first contact between native peoples and colonists (17<sup>th</sup>-

century); Great Age of Sail and America's rise as international trading power (18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>-centuries); Industrial Revolution with an emphasis on textile and shoe manufacturing and the birth of the labor movement (19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>-centuries).

9. **Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.** From Troy to New York City, the Hudson River Valley contains a rich assemblage of natural features and nationally significant cultural and historical sites. The valley has maintained the scenic, rural character that inspired the Hudson Valley School of landscape painting and the Knickerbocker writers. Recreational opportunities are found in local parks, protected open space, and greenways.
10. **Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor** was created in 1984 as the first national heritage area. The canal was built in the 1830s and '40s along the portage between Lake Michigan and the Illinois River, which had long been used as an American Indian trade route. The canal rapidly transformed Chicago from an isolated crossroads into a critical transportation hub between the East and the developing Midwest. A 61-mile recreational trail follows the canal towpath.
11. **John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor** was authorized in 1986 to tell the story of the American Industrial Revolution, which began along the 46 miles of river and canals running from Worcester, Massachusetts, to Providence, Rhode Island. The Mills (including Slater Mill), villages, and associated transportation networks in the Blackstone Valley together tell the story of industrialization.
12. **Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area**, in northeast Pennsylvania, tells the story of how the anthracite industry shaped the region and the nation.
13. **MotorCities-Automobile National Heritage Area** was authorized in 1998 to preserve, interpret and promote Michigan's rich automotive and labor heritage. Activities include providing educational opportunities, increasing tourism, encouraging revitalization, and improving the quality of life in the region.
14. **National Coal Heritage Area** tells the story of the cultural geography, which has been profoundly influenced over the last 125 years by the pervasive role of the coal mines. The communities in the 11 counties in southern West Virginia reflect their origins as "company towns" formed by local traditions, waves of immigrant workers, and the dominance of the mining companies. Ethnic neighborhoods and the physical infrastructure of the mines are still clearly seen throughout the region.
15. **Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor**, in northeast Ohio, celebrates the canal that enabled shipping between Lake Erie and the Ohio River, opened up the frontier settlement of Ohio, and vaulted Ohio into commercial prominence in the early 1830s. The canal and towpath trail pass through agricultural lands and rural villages into industrial communities such as Akron, Canton, and Cleveland that trace their prosperity to the coming of the canal.
16. **Quinnebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor** in northeast Connecticut and south central Massachusetts is one of the last unspoiled and undeveloped areas in the northeastern U.S. It has remained largely intact and has important prehistoric archeological sites, excellent water quality, beautiful rural landscapes, architecturally significant mill structures and mill villages, and a large acreage of parks and other permanent space. The corridor encompasses 1,086 square miles and includes 35 towns.
17. **Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area** tells this story of Big Steel in seven counties along the Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio Rivers in southwestern Pennsylvania. Folklife projects, as well as tourism, educational and community development programs, and recreational trails help to revitalize the economic and cultural spirit of the region.



*Bikers using wayfinding signage along the I & M Canal Trail*

18. **Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area** was authorized in 2000 to conserve, interpret and develop the historical, cultural, natural and recreational resources related to the industrial and cultural heritage of the Schuylkill River Valley of Southeastern Pennsylvania. By 1777 when George Washington wintered his troops at Valley Forge, early entrepreneurs had already founded many of the historic towns along the Schuylkill River where the charcoal, iron and textile industries of the region would grow. In 1822, the first load of anthracite coal was taken from the Schuylkill headwaters to Philadelphia along the Schuylkill Navigation System (Canal), starting the engine that fueled America's early colonization and industrialization. Pre-Revolutionary mills and late 19th century factories - rural villages and the city of Philadelphia - all are part of the fabric of the Schuylkill River Valley.



*Paddlers along Boathouse Row  
heading toward Center City*

19. **Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District.** From 1861 to 1865 the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia was caught in the crossfire between the North and the south. Because of its strategic location, this fertile agricultural valley became a significant theater of war. Today 15 battlefields, over 320 sites, towns, villages, and farms in this eight-county National Historic District attest to the struggle, courage, and perseverance of the soldiers and civilians who shaped this turning point in American history.
20. **South Carolina National Heritage Corridor** represents 14 counties along a 240-mile stretch from the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains to the coast of the Atlantic Ocean. The corridor is divided into four regions: the scenic mountains of Region 1, the political legacy of Region 2, the railroad communities in Region 3, and the low country's African-American and antebellum history in Region 4.
21. **Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission** recognizes the cultural heritage of the nine-county region in southwestern Pennsylvania associated with the three basic industries of iron and steel, coal, and transportation. The Commission has become self-supporting and does not receive funding any longer under this activity.
22. **Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area** tells the stories of the American Civil War and Reconstruction. Geographic location, along with strategic river and rail routes, productive farmlands, and industrial sites made Tennessee a crucial prize fought for by both armies. Every county in Tennessee was affected by the destruction of the land, loss of life, bitter divisions within families and communities, and political and social turmoil of the war years and the following decades. The Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area focuses on the late antebellum period (from ca. 1850), military activity, the home front experience, Reconstruction, and the enduring legacy of this watershed of history.
23. **Wheeling National Heritage Area.** Throughout the 19th century, Wheeling served as the "Crossroads of America", playing an important role in the settlement of the Nation. Transportation, a major theme, is represented by the National Historic Landmark Wheeling Suspension Bridge, the first bridge to cross the Ohio River. West Virginia Independence Hall, the former U.S. Customs House for this 19th century inland port, was the birthplace of the State of West Virginia during the Civil War. Wheeling was also site of many industries crucial to the Nation's expansion including iron and steel, nails, textiles, boat building, glass manufacturing, and stogie and tobacco manufacturing. LaBelle Cut Nails, one of two manufacturers in the nation, continues to produce cut nails with equipment and a process that is over 150-years old.
24. **Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area** commemorates the natural ford on the Colorado River, which has been a gathering spot for people for over 500 years and is an important landmark of the Nation's westward expansion.

**Use of Cost and Performance Information: Heritage Partnership Programs**

The following is a successful project that maximized the impact of Federal appropriations through partnering with State and local agencies and non-profits to leverage Federal funding and achieve program goals.

Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor

The Blackstone Commission is successfully integrating heritage education and interpretation, heritage-based economic development, preservation, and riverway development and recovery in a cost-effective manner by focusing its efforts on forging successful partnerships among State and local agencies and non-profit organizations.

Such multilateral partnerships have resulted in joint funding and management of historic, natural and recreational resource-based projects. For example, along the four mile segment of the Riverway between the towns of Lincoln and Cumberland, Rhode Island, the Blackstone Bikeway has been constructed, the Kelly House, a new museum focusing on the Blackstone Canal, has been opened in the last remaining Blackstone Canal era home where a well trained volunteer corps provides staffing, and a Heritage State Park has been created. The greenway park was the site of an event that attracted 5,000 people to pledge support for a fishable-swimmable Blackstone River by 2015.

The EPA has funded cleanup efforts along this stretch of the Blackstone River, and a private developer has invested 34 million dollars in revitalizing an historic mill and mill village across from the park and bikeway. With a Transportation Enhancement grant, a public river landing is being constructed to allow boats to experience the canal and river.

**FY 2003 Program Performance Accomplishments**

## America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership

- Identified twenty new partner sites, making a total of sixty sites; published new color brochure showing our partners and attractions and a new expanded site map.
- Completed the design guidelines for Gateway Signage; two kiosks to be installed along interstate highways at two welcome centers.
- A grant from the Hanson Foundation (Winnebago Industries) was used to start the design and possible installation of directional signage along secondary highways.
- The National Park Service requires heritage areas to update management plans every five years. Silos hosted a conference, which was attended by over 120 people, to help give input and direction for updates of the plan.
- Hosted four one-week work shops to provide technical assistance to our partner sites.
- Silos and Smokestacks neared \$1,000,000 in grants to partner sites.

## Augusta Canal National Heritage Area

- Completed and opened Augusta Canal Interpretive Center including theatre.
- Completed construction of two replicas of the Petersburg boats and two docking facilities to be used for tours on the canal.
- Completed canal multiuse trail (11 miles).
- Began construction on the renovation of the Canal Gatehouse and renovation of the 1875 Locks
- Completed environmental assessment of planned improvements at Canal Headgates. Issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

## Cache La Poudre River Corridor

- Prepared information/marketing packages
- Revised and disseminated *Inventory of Water Related Structures*
- Completed Cooperative Environmental Study Unit projects with Colorado State University (CSU) and University of Northern Colorado (UNC):
  - Administrative *alternatives* (CSU)
  - Oral *interviews* – Phase I (UNC)



- *Evolution of the Water Delivery System (CSU)*
- Applied and received grant from the Colorado Endowment for the Humanities and match from the Poudre River Trust to prepare exhibit on water law and water development.
- In cooperation with Colorado State University faculty, taught *Open Space and Natural Area Management*.
- Developed cooperative strategy with Larimer County Open Lands to provide interpretation for the section of the trails that will cross the Parshall site and the Taylor and Gill ditch.
- Cooperated with the Poudre River Trail Association to provide for interpretive programs.
- Continued research on topic of water law and water development to develop adequate text for exhibits.

#### Cane River National Heritage Area

- Awarded 12 grants in historic preservation, research and development. The grants leveraged matching funds and in-kind services at a ratio of 2 to 1. Grants include such projects as restoration of the American Cemetery; documentation of vestigial French in the region; and children's programming at the Old Courthouse Museum.
- Implemented a Geographic Information System (GIS) that brings together data on historic and contemporary land use in the region.
- Partnered with a local organization and the National Park Service's new Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS) program to document Briarwood, the Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve.
- Initiated planning for a joint visitor center with Cane River Creole National Historical Park.



*Melrose Plantation, a National Historic Landmark within Cane River NHA*

#### Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor

- Developed and implemented the Corridor Market Towns Initiative, a multi-community regional approach to preservation and revitalization.
- Fabricated 'Mule' prototypes for a tourism/economic development project.
- Acquired into public ownership D&L Trail rail-trail segments in Carbon County.
- Completed design concepts for the re-watering the Levittown area of the Delaware Canal.
- Initiated the archival process of the "Blue Coal" anthracite records in Ashley, PA.

#### Erie Canalway National Corridor

- Launched high profile public planning process to raise awareness about the new heritage corridor and the opportunities it presents.
- Entered into a cost effective "seamless parks" partnership with New York State Parks to jointly operate a new visitor information center in an historic building along the Erie Canal.
- Designed and produced joint wayside signage with the New York State Canal Corporation to establish an identity for the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.
- Designed the initial brochure for the heritage corridor.



*Boating by the Trinity, along the Erie Canalway*

#### Essex National Heritage Area

- Expanded the Partnership Grant Program, awarding 11 preservation grants and 16 education and interpretation grants.
- Expanded "History in the Making," an after school program for at-risk youth.
- Completed summer institute for teachers and scholars on "The New England Connection to the Caribbean Economy from 1650 to 1800s."
- Completed two successful regional heritage awareness events – "Trails & Sails" and Essex Heritage Ride – and increased the visibility of Area's sites and resources in the Greater Boston region.

#### Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

- Created a brochure and map outlining over 240 historic sites in the Hudson River Valley.



- Implemented historic preservation and interpretation plans at both the historic Wilderstein estate in Rhinebeck and the Dutch Reformed Church of Newburgh, in partnership with not-for-profits, local and State governments and the National Park Service.
- Expanded the Hudson River Valley Ramble regional walking weekend to include a week of Estuary events leading into National Estuary Day; over 10,000 people participated.
- Restoration and management of the Hudson River Estuary, guided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation estuary action plan, continued to improve the quality and accessibility of the Hudson River Environment; with successful nomination of the Hudson as an American Heritage River brings additional Federal assistance for this purpose.
- Continued development of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Water Trail, which will provide greater access to, and interpretation of, the river and valley's heritage; designated over 70 access points and campsites to date.
- Began development, in cooperation with the Hudson River Valley Greenway, of an updated plan for completing the Hudson River Valley Trail System that will provide access to and interpretation of the valley's heritage.
- The National Park Service and National Archive announced plans for an FDR library and visitor's center in Hyde Park. National Heritage Area funding is supporting a Hyde Park Corridor Committee effort to help Federal, State, local and private planners provide for positive economic and heritage projects.
- Developed a digital library and website through various partnerships, including the Hudson Valley Tourism Development Council and Empire State Development's I Love New York program.

#### Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor

- Planned and developed 2 new interpretive parks, the Port of LaSalle and Canal Origins Park in Chicago.
- Produced and distributed an updated Outdoor Activity Guide.
- Expanded Partnership Project Fund (+76% applications, +44% number of projects funded, +17% funds awarded).
- Initiated strategic planning for Corridor with partners, including 5 open houses, workshop and special meeting of Commission.

#### John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor

- Continued implementation of management plan, including:
  - Development of visitor centers and museums, interpretive signage and exhibits.
  - Development of programs and activities that support the perpetuation of cultural traditions, special events and festivals, and heritage tourism.
  - Providing technical assistance to communities related to preserving historic properties and landscapes; and providing assistance on growth and development, land-use and leadership development.
  - Development of curatorial programs, conservation of open space, community and economic development.
  - Building a comprehensive river access network along the entire river and supporting the Blackstone Riverway with development of a 50 mile long bikeway and environmental restoration activities that support improvements to water quality, habitat restoration, and reintroduction of migratory fish.



*Over 1,200 6<sup>th</sup> graders participate in the Annual Lackawanna Heritage Valley Environmental Fair.*

#### Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area

- Created a regional partnership to produce a film documentary on the people of the Anthracite region. The film, *Stories from the Mines*, was broadcast in 80 PBS television markets across the nation and was nominated by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for an Emmy Award as Outstanding Documentary Film.
- Held the 2003 Young People's Heritage Festival, a year-long series of hands-on activities, that helps to foster an awareness, understanding and pride in the region's rich heritage, resources, culture and people.
- Held Environmental Careers Forum – High school juniors interested in the field of environmental studies participate in this highly interactive forum held each year during earth week. The program

features environmental experts presenting on a wide range of topics: from biology and zoology to nature study and water quality. Students also gain specific details about environmental education programs offered through regional colleges and universities.

- Completed partnership building and schematic design for the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Riverfront Greenway, a trail and greenway project planned for downtown Scranton.
- Over 1,200 elementary school students participated in the annual Lackawanna Heritage Valley Environmental Fair with over 40 government, educational, and private corporations exhibiting environmental material.
- Partnered with the Steamtown National Historic Site to begin "Heritage Valley Station Stops", a new program that brings visitors up through the Lackawanna Heritage Valley on a Steamtown train excursion and stops in participating towns along the rail line for an authentic "valley town" cultural experience. Over 600 tourists participated in this inaugural year.

#### MotorCities-Automobile National Heritage Area

- Completed HABS/HAER Documentation of historic Detroit Dry Dock Building.
- Launched Memories Program and collected 40 oral histories.
- Produced new membership brochure.
- Launched Stephen P. Yokich Auto and Labor History Program with approximately 170 schools, 6,000 teachers and 80,000 students participating.

#### National Coal Heritage Area

- Participated in opening of the Nick J. Rahall Coal Heritage Interpretive Center in historic Bramwell.

#### Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor

- Provided \$800,000 in seed grants to community projects throughout Corridor; these seed grants leveraged over \$2,000,000 in private, local, State and other Federal investment.
- Continued development of 70 miles of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail.
- Presented educational programs, publications and activities reaching over 500,000 citizens in northeast Ohio.
- Completed Phase I of the Interpretation, Marketing, Signage and Identity Plan.
- Continued development of regional trail and greenway systems in Cuyahoga, Summit, Stark and Tuscarawas counties.
- Facilitated the planning process for the development of three of the Canalway Visitor Centers.

#### Quinnebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor

- Recognized by four State and national awards for its innovative cooperative venture, the Green Valley Institute.
- Completed survey of consumers regarding opinions of locally produced foods.
- Implemented the second phase of a regional interpretive program, For the Common Good, focusing on town commons or greens.
- Offered more than 95 guided walks organized by local experts to acquaint residents and visitors alike with the significant resources of The Last Green Valley under the umbrella of Walking Weekends.
- Launched web-based educational resource guide, Valley Quest.
- Developed a grants program to build local capacity and conserve resources; awarded 26 recipient groups with \$290,000, matched by an additional \$375,000.

#### Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area

- Completed restoration of the 106 year-old Bost Building.
- Completed signage for the Allegheny Rivers Water Trail.
- Completed an interactive, self-guided community walking tour and continued development of bus and boat tours.
- Completed action plans for two of the Rivers of Steel Journey Areas, Thunder of Protest and Mosaic of Industry.

#### Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area

- Completed management plan, "Living with the River."



*The newly restored 1892 Bost Building now houses the offices of the Steel Industry Heritage Corporation*

- Opened first gateway interpretive center.
- Published City of Reading Riverfront Guide.
- Completed two sections of Schuylkill River.
- Developed Schuylkill River Trail and Schuylkill River Water Trail Master Sign Plan.
- Developed new organizational logo to begin visual branding of the heritage area.
- Completed Schuylkill River Heritage Area video.
- Developed Schuylkill County Ethnic Heritage Study.

## Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District

- Continued implementation of the Management Plan for the National Historic District including protection of over 273 acres of core area battlefield.
- Produced district-wide brochure and initial "cluster" brochure, and launched website.
- Completed preservation plan for the Cross Keys and Port Republic battlefields working with the landowners and local government.
- Initiated a district-wide pedestrian and greenway planning effort with the regional planning district commission and the Department of Transportation.
- Began planning for our first Civil War/civilian symposium to look at the total impacts of the Civil War on the region.
- Worked with local partners and NPS on the development of the newly-created Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park.

## South Carolina National Heritage Corridor

- Implemented Visitation Plan for Region 1 Discovery Center.
- Completed built-out of Region Two Discovery Center and design of exhibits.
- Completed design of Regions One and Two Stop and Site signage.
- Completed construction of Region Three Facility and design of Discovery Center exhibits.
- Secured the Camden Tower Sheds for the Region Four Center.
- Began selection process for Stops and Sites in Region Four.
- Matched NEA grant for traditional arts project development which included Upcountry folk music CD, Foodways video and related brochure and inventory of Gullah related sites in Region Four.
- Completed Corridor environmental assessment.
- Developed inventory of African American Sites throughout the Corridor.
- Implemented training program through partnership with Clemson University and leveraged Clemson resources to assist with product development (Design Arts Partnership, interns, research).
- Completed and began implementation of Corridor Marketing Plan.

## Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area

- Drafted Management Plan and Environmental Assessment.
- Completed National Register (NR) nominations for seven properties.
- Created seven new active partnerships.
- Developed three driving tour brochure projects.
- Created Professional Services and Outreach Program.
- Developed feasibility studies for three resources.



Green House, Williamson Co., TN

## Wheeling National Heritage Area

- Updated the *Plan for the Wheeling National Heritage Area*.
- Supported partners through Interpretive Grants, including the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the B&O Railroad, the Bicentennial Commemoration of Lewis & Clark - The Eastern Legacy, the Restoration of Civil War Flags of West Virginia and numerous smaller projects.
- Supported the Wheeling Artisan Center and its activities including the retail sale of West Virginia and regional art and crafts, gallery shows, the Children's Museum, the Wheeling Celtic Celebration and other special events.
- Supported Economic Development Partners and the city of Wheeling in providing technical assistance in historic preservation, investment tax credit application and in historic structure adaptive reuse analysis.

## Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area

- Funding focused on one downtown project: Gateway Park, a National Historic Landmark. Approximately \$2 million of local and State funds will match Heritage Partnership funding, which is being spent on the design of this park.
- Secured 404 Permit for restoration of the East Wetlands and raised \$3 million in non-Heritage Area funding to begin this \$20 million restoration project.

**FY 2004 Planned Program Performance**

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## America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership

- Complete and submit to the Secretary for approval our completed five year management plan. Implement the beginning phases of the five year management plan.
- Establishment of a "Revolving Loan" fund to provide low interest loans to partners and business in our Heritage Area. This new program will depend on a USDA Rural Development Grant.
- Continue planning for development of a Heritage Area Reception Tourism Center in conjunction with John Deere Waterloo Tractor Works.
- Publish the third edition of the Silos and Smokestacks Tourism Brochure for existing and new partner sites.
- Install Gateway Signs on inbound interstate highways in the Silos & Smokestacks Heritage Area and finalize development of two kiosks to be placed at Iowa welcome centers.
- Develop and implement the third round of Grant Programs to partner sites.

## Augusta Canal National Heritage Area

- Complete renovation of the Canal Gatehouse and 1875 Lock.
- Perform Phase I construction of the Headgates Area Master Plan consisting of new bridge, access road, parking, canoe storage building, and canoe launch in canal and river.
- Purchase exhibits for Canal Interpretive Center.
- Prepare application for Transportation Enhancement grant to construct extension of New Bartram Trail; prepare design plans for New Bartram Trail.
- Prepare application for Transportation Enhancement grant to separate vehicular traffic from pedestrian/bicycle trail along Goodrich Street. Prepare design plans for Goodrich Street Pedestrian/Bicycle separation.
- Construct access connection from Eisenhower Park to canal multiuse trail.

## Blue Ridge National Heritage Area

- Form Commission and develop management plan.

## Cache La Poudre River Corridor

- Complete oral interviews in cooperation with University of Northern Colorado.
- Complete edit and preparation for publication of *Evolution of the Water Delivery System*.
- Complete draft administrative plan for the Corridor.
- Continue public outreach and education.
- Through a contract with University of Northern Colorado, update website database.
- Complete and inaugurate three sets of portable exhibits (funded by the Colorado Endowment for the Humanities and the Poudre River Trust); organize monthly changes in venues.
- Continue to work with Larimer County Open Lands to provide interpretation for the section of the trails that will cross the Parshall site and the Taylor and Gill ditch.
- Implement cooperative strategy with the City of Fort Collins to assist with installation of wayside exhibits on their land.
- Continue research on water law and water development to develop adequate materials for Corridor brochure and educational programs.
- Complete fabrication of 19 wayside exhibits, including review and installation.
- Partner with the Poudre River Trail Association to install wayside exhibits.

## Cane River National Heritage Area

- Continue competitive grants program.
- Maintain GIS data and make available to the public in cooperation with the National Park Service's National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT).



- Partner with the NPS Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) to document historic properties on Front Street in the Natchitoches National Historic Landmark District.
- Continue planning for joint visitor center.
- Install interactive exhibits concerning the heritage area as a whole at two historic sites.

#### Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor

- Design 25+ miles of the D&L Trail rail to trail segments.
- Stabilize the Lehigh Gap area to prevent rock slides on the D&L Trail.
- Begin construction of Delaware Canal Lock #11 for rehabilitation to an operating lock
- Develop a Trail Guide to be available for the public.
- Install new interpretive signage in the Delaware Canal and Lehigh Gorge State Parks.
- Complete the design of a pedestrian bridge over Pennsylvania route 13 in Levittown.



*Delaware and Lehigh NHC*

#### Erie Canalway National Corridor

- Complete Phase II of the legislatively required public planning process.
- Open a new visitor facility and headquarters on the Erie Canal with the State of New York.
- Design and produce a brochure on the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.
- Establish a comprehensive internet web site for the heritage corridor to assist with the planning process and visitor needs.

#### Essex National Heritage Area

- Launch Explorers Program to bring attention to the Area's lesser known resources.
- Develop the "Educators Resource Guide," a database driven website highlighting educational programs at heritage sites within the Area.
- Continue expansion of Partnership Grants for preservation, interpretation and educational projects.
- Expand annual "Trails & Sails: A Weekend of Walks and Water" and Essex Heritage Ride to attract more participants from inside and outside the Area.
- Complete the first economic analysis of heritage visitors.
- Build strategies to further the development of greenways and trails projects with special emphasis on the issues around the "Border to Boston" – a regional north-south trail.
- Expand partnerships and educational programs with the Great Marsh Coalition and other conservation organizations.



*A new crew sets out during "Trails & Sails" at Essex NHA*

#### Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

- Interpret the story of America's struggle for independence and the Revolutionary War in the Hudson Valley. With State and Federal partners, Fort Montgomery is being preserved, stabilized and interpreted for the public. A Revolutionary War brochure will be released in Spring 2004.
- Continue implementation of historic preservation and interpretation plans at the historic Wilderstein estate in Rhinebeck and the Dutch Reformed Church of Newburgh, in partnership with not-for-profits, local and State governments and the National Park Service.
- Host the fifth annual Hudson River Valley Ramble regional walking weekend, to include a week of Estuary events leading into National Estuary Day.

#### Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor

- Develop work plan and scope for comprehensive engineering and archaeological study of I&M Canal, as basis for state planning work.
- Continue Partnership Project Fund matching awards.
- Continue development assistance to Port of LaSalle Park.
- Begin development of updated interpretive plan for Corridor with partners.
- Continue support of visitor centers, volunteers, and interpretive programs.

## John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor

- Continue development of the Northern Gateway Project, including the planning for the Gateway Visitor Center.
- Provide financial and technical support for the transition of Slater Mill Historic Site into a 'Living History Experience.'
- Develop management plan identifying opportunities for preservation, interpretation and public access to the Blackstone Canal and towpath.
- Complete restoration of the historic Waters Farm House and complete master plan for the farm to provide for future development as a living history experience.
- Support the Blackstone River Theatre and "Riverfolk" programming and various festivals that perpetuate the Valley's cultural heritage.
- Continue the planning and development of the Blackstone Riverway that includes an integrated system of river access sites, bikeway, parks and trails.
- Through the Blackstone Valley Institute, provide local communities with the resources they need to make land use decisions based on community values. The Institute provides opportunities for leadership training, GIS mapping, forums on land use patterns, economic development, resource protection strategies, etc.
- Build upon ongoing efforts to develop a watershed coalition that engages a wide variety of local, State and Federal agencies in a campaign to make the Blackstone River "Fishable/Swimmable by 2015."

## Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area

- Initiate planning on the National Heritage Corps concept, which will integrate a service component into the heritage development work of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley.
- Implement a master's level environmental course for the region's teachers through a new "Environmental Alliance" partnership and the local Intermediate Unit.
- Facilitate the Phase II Development of the Lackawanna County Stadium Station and Visitors Center and Heritage Interpretive Center as part of the Montage Gateway project.
- Complete preliminary and final design of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Riverfront Greenway in downtown Scranton.

## MotorCities-Automobile National Heritage Area

- Continue Memories Personal History Project interviews.
- Continue web development for K-12 curriculum program.
- Develop ethnographic histories program.
- Develop interpretive materials and interpretive plan.
- Initiate wayside signage program.

*"Dreamcruise" at MotorCities ANHA*

## National Coal Heritage Area

- Move forward with discussions to merge the National Coal Heritage Trail with the Heritage Area.
- Develop legislation to authorize organizational changes.

## Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor

- Continue the seed grant program which leverages \$3 of private, local, and State investment for every \$1 of Federal investment.
- Work with the local community partners on the extension of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail through the City of Akron, City of Cleveland and into Tuscarawas County.
- Provide technical assistance to local communities working on the restoration of historic structures and the preservation of natural areas.
- Provide educational programs, publications and activities to the citizens of northeast Ohio. Some of the activities include a Calendar of Events, Towpath Companion, Heritage Corridor Map, Fishing Derbies, River Clean ups and newsletters.
- Work with our local partners on the implementation of the Interpretation, Marketing, Signage and Identity Plan.
- Assist the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad extension into the City of Cleveland.



## Quinnebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor

- Increase the data collection and analysis capacity of the Green Valley Institute, including mapping of existing and planned trails, and identification of aquifers and other sources of drinking water.
- Develop and design regional interpretive centers, to be placed at existing partner locations throughout the region and design and install a system of wayfinding signs.
- Hold a conference on diversification issues for the agriculture industry.
- Launch a web-based river access guide in spring.
- Continue local capacity building and encouragement of grassroots initiative through a grants program.

## Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area

- Rehabilitate, renovate and stabilize historic buildings in Tarentum, West Homestead, and Brownsville.
- Purchase and install racks for storage of canoes and kayaks.
- Provide vehicular access, parking and walkways at the site of the 1892 Battle of Homestead.
- Develop Traveling Trunk programs to be offered to public schools.
- Renovate a 44-foot houseboat, part of The Pittsburgh Voyager fleet.
- Record, transcribe and archive oral history accounts of former steelworkers.

## Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area

- Continue design of several gateway interpretive centers under design.
- Continue development of Trail Master Sign Planning and Schuylkill Ethnic Heritage Folklore Study.

## Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District

- Continue efforts to preserve core area battlefield land in the National Historic District; anticipate closing on almost 500 acres of battlefield working with willing sellers both public and private.
- Launch development of the district-wide interpretive plan.
- Initiate the preservation plan for the Fisher's Hill and Tom's Brooks battlefields working with the landowners and local governments.
- Continue development of the five local "cluster" groups and support development of local Civil War orientation centers.
- Organize and support the district-wide marketing program for the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations at Civil War sites in the district.
- Work with the National Park Service and local partners on the development of the General Management Plan for Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park.

## South Carolina National Heritage Corridor

- Implement Visitation Plans for Regions One and Two Discovery Centers.
- Complete exhibits, hire Staff and open Region 2 Discovery Center.
- Install interpretive exhibits for Stops and Sites in Regions 1 and 2.
- Assist fund-raising for Camden Tower Sheds project in Region 4.
- Complete Agri-Tourism Niche.
- Match NEA grant with African American Niche development.
- Administer three grant rounds (about 30 grants of about \$300,000).
- Develop Advisory Boards in each Region.



*A South Carolina artisan produces hand-made pottery*

## Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area

- Hold public meetings on Management Plan/Environmental Assessment.
- Hold Conference on Slavery and the War in Tennessee.
- Nominate three properties to the National Register.
- Develop a traveling exhibit in Upper East Tennessee with museum partner and a permanent exhibit in Middle Tennessee with historic site partner.
- Plan 2005 International Heritage Development Conference in Nashville.

## Wheeling National Heritage Area

- Support the Wheeling Artisan Center and its programs.

- Continue Heritage Area branding, signage and interpretive wayside exhibits along the Wheeling Heritage Trail and at historic sites.
- Continue Heritage Port enhancements including expansion of performance capability and Phase 1 of the water shuttle initiative.

## Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area

- Continue development of Gateway Park. While substantial local and State funds will build the infrastructure and recreational facilities of the park, Heritage Area funding will be utilized to develop outdoor exhibits, interpreting the importance of the National Historic Landmark.
- Depending on the success of other fundraising efforts, the East Wetlands project will progress with non-Heritage Area funding.
- If other funding is secured, the Heritage Area will conduct archeological studies on the Molina Block and prepare a master plan for the site.

**FY 2005 Budget Request: Commissions and Grants**

<b>Request Component</b>	<b>Amount</b>
FY 2004 Budget Estimate	14,153
Programmatic Changes	
• Reduce Support to Commissions and Grants	-11,775
<b>TOTAL, Program Changes</b>	<b>-11,775</b>
Uncontrollable Changes	No Change
<b>FY 2005 Budget Request</b>	<b>2,378</b>
Net Change	-11,775

<sup>1</sup>Justification for program changes can be found at the end of this activity's presentation.

**Activity:** Heritage Partnership Programs  
**Program Component:** Administrative Support

**FY 2005 Base Program Overview**

This component provides administrative support to the twenty-three Congressionally designated national heritage areas. Administrative support includes offering guidance and information on budget and policy. The office also disseminates information to the public and heritage area partners. FY 2005 funding would be used to:

- Create national heritage area legislation.
- Create guidelines for the establishment of new heritage areas.
- Continue to educate the public on heritage areas through workshops, presentations and sessions at local, regional and national conferences and meetings.
- Coordinate Federal involvement in national heritage areas with other Federal departments.
- Report on a system to measure national heritage areas achievements and progress toward program goals.
- Continue to improve partnership initiatives within and outside of NPS.
- Promote methods of collaborative community-centered conservation, co-management and funding and working in multi-jurisdictional settings.
- Create a publication on heritage area best practices and processes.

**FY 2003 Program Performance Accomplishments**

- Conducted on-site visits to the national heritage areas.
- Held two educational programs in partnership with the Heritage Development Institute in Pittsburgh, PA and Denver, CO. Provided five training sessions at the National Trust Annual Meeting in Cleveland, OH.
- Updated the NPS heritage area website.

- Completed design, printed, and distributed 50,000 copies of a unigrid brochure.
- Received a grant from the Alliance for National Heritage Areas to provide an internship for program assistance.
- Partnered with the George Wright Forum and the National Trust for Historic Preservation to publish two journals exclusively about the stewardship and process of heritage areas.
- Provided an afternoon session on *Implementing a Research Agenda for National Heritage Areas* at the International Heritage Development Conference in Pittsburgh, PA.
- Facilitated coordination of 15 sessions for the Heritage Areas track at the 2003 NPS Joint Ventures Stewardship Conference.
- Drafted a generic national heritage areas bill in cooperation with the legislative office, NPS and Congressional staff.
- Coordinated a meeting with the regional offices on creating a set of standards for heritage area administration.

### FY 2004 Planned Program Performance

- Participate in the NPS Partners in Tourism initiative.
- Update the unigrid and disseminate information to the public.
- Update the website to better serve the public, researchers, and partners.
- Create national heritage area legislation.
- Continue to educate the public on heritage areas through workshops, presentations and sessions at local, regional and national conferences and meetings.
- Work more closely with other Federal departments on coordinating Federal involvement in national heritage areas.
- Endorse existing standards and criteria for national heritage area designation.
- Develop in coordination with the regional offices best practices in heritage area administration, including clarifying compliance with Federal management policies.
- Improve partnership initiative by reviewing heritage area strategies.
- Learn about collaborative community-centered conservation, co-management and funding and working in multi-jurisdictional settings.

### FY 2005 Budget Request: Administrative Support

Request Component	Amount
FY 2004 Budget Estimate	122
Programmatic Changes	No Change
<b>TOTAL, Program Changes<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>No Change</b>
Uncontrollable Changes	No Change
<b>FY 2005 Budget Request</b>	<b>122</b>
Net Change	No Change

<sup>1</sup>Justification for program changes can be found at the end of this activity's presentation.

### FY 2005 Budget Request: Heritage Partnership Programs

Request Component	Amount
FY 2004 Budget Estimate	14,275
Programmatic Changes	
• Reduce Support to Commissions and Grants	-11,775
<b>TOTAL, Program Changes</b>	<b>-11,775</b>
Uncontrollable Changes	No Change
<b>FY 2005 Budget Request</b>	<b>2,500</b>
Net Change	-11,775

**Reduce Support to Commissions and Grants: -\$11.775 million**

The Administration is requesting the reduction of funding support for national heritage areas in FY 2005 in order to support higher priorities to better accomplish the Service's primary mission. This reduction in funding reflects an emphasis on encouraging heritage areas to become self-sufficient. The requested funding of \$2.5 million would be distributed equitably among the heritage areas supported under the Commissions and Grants budget subactivity.

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**Activity Performance Summary**

Accomplishments of the Heritage Partnership Program are included in the Performance Summaries presented in the National Recreation and Preservation (NR&P) and the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) sections of this document.